

LET GARBAGE
ROT; CHICAGO
FACES PERILReduction Company Closes
Plant and Defies City
Officials.

IN QUARREL OVER PRICE

Owners Attempt to Secure Ex-
orbitant Figure for Property
—Council to Act.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—A serious situation in connection with garbage disposal confronts Chicago as a result of breaking off relations between the city and the Chicago Reduction company, which had a contract to destroy the city's refuse. Following the rupture last night word went out from the company's offices today to cease gathering garbage in all wards. The break came when the company sent an ultimatum to the city council that unless they were paid \$492,000 by midnight the garbage would be allowed to "rot in Chicago's alleys." The situation is regarded with apprehension on account of fear of a spread of typhoid and an increase in the number of flies the worst carriers of this disease.

NOT TO SEIZE PLANT.

Householders are urged for the present to burn garbage in their own furnaces, as for the time being only refuse not animal or vegetable will be taken care of by the city. Suggestions that the plant of the company be seized are not regarded as feasible. A special meeting of the council has been called by the mayor to deal with the situation tonight. It is said the plant cost less than \$300,000. An appraisal for the company in negotiations to sell to the city claimed profits of operations averaged \$185,000 annually in the last three years.

Mayor Harrison said today the situation was not menacing as in 10 days the city would be able to take care of the garbage. In the meantime it will be dumped in clay holes and destroyed by chemical process.

Whether the Chicago Reduction company will begin suit against the city for alleged breach of contract in failing to close the deal for the purchase of its plant was not disclosed, but it is counted on as a possibility. President Julian formally tendered a deed for the property to Comptroller Treasurer, which the latter refused to accept or issue a voucher for the purchase price submitted by Harold Almet, appraiser for the company, and Leonard Metcalf, the independent member of the board.

Corporation Counsel Sexton, who has directed the legal business of the appraisal for the city, declared there was no liability for the apparent breach of contract, as there was a loophole in the instrument signed on behalf of the city. It provided that if the appraisal was not completed and the price paid on or before Oct. 1 the contract was null and void.

In the opinion of Mr. Sexton, which was shared by Mr. Metcalf, the appraisal was not completed, inasmuch as it was not signed by three members of the board, so the contract to purchase became void at midnight. "The courts are always open to hear such cases," was Mr. Sexton's comment when asked if he thought the company would sue the city.

Two Suf Leaders Arrested.

London, Eng., Oct. 1.—After a lively scrimmage the police today arrested Miss Harriet Kerr and Mrs. Beatrice Saunders, secretary and treasurer of the Women's Social and Political Union, under the "cat and mouse" act. The women and friends resisted and one policeman's coat was torn to shreds.

Sugar Reduced.

New York, Oct. 1.—All grades of refined sugar have been reduced 30c a hundred, making granulated 4 1/2c a pound. A second reduction to five points brought the price down to 40c a pound.

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Commish Sher of England's fa-

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 1.—The Earl refused the claims destroyed by fire, against the War was found to con-

MOTHER A SLAYER
OF HER 4 BABIESMinneapolis Woman Confesses
to Giving Them Fly Poison
—Fools the Doctor.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 1.—Mrs. Ida Lerkwood was arrested last night upon the charge of murdering two of her children. According to the police the woman has not only confessed to killing the two of which she is accused but four others as well.

Her husband, Leo Lerkwood was also arrested but later released, the officers being convinced that he was ignorant of the manner in which his children had met their deaths.

The police declare that Mrs. Lerkwood said that she poisoned the children by administering quantities of liquid fly poison containing large quantities of arsenic.

The two children of which she was specifically accused of killing were Viola, aged 9 years, who died September 8, and Laurel 11 months, who died last July.

According to the police Mrs. Lerkwood said the other four were killed in the same manner. The others were: Perry, 1 year old, died in 1911; Lucile, 9 months, died in 1910; Gladys, 10 months, died in 1905; Infant died in 1907.

The other children are still alive. Lerkwood declares that all six of the children died under identical circumstances. The family physician, who treated the last two, says he was completely deceived; that he was called in each case but did not consider either child seriously ill and prescribed accordingly.

He was greatly surprised when he found them dead but believed that death came from natural causes and made the death certificates accordingly. He ascribed cholera morbus as the cause of death in both instances. Mr. Lerkwood is 32 years old.

1 DEAD IN WRECK
ON ROCK ISLANDBrakeman Dolan Killed and En-
gineer and Fireman Injured
at Mason City.

Mason City, Iowa, Oct. 1.—J. T. Dolan, a brakeman, was killed; Joseph Haigh, an engineer, seriously scalded, and John Somerville, a fireman, slightly hurt, last night, when a Rock Island freight train ran through an open switch.

NEW RECORD SET
BY ORE STEAMER

Douglas, Minn., Oct. 1.—A new record speed for ore carriers on the Great Lakes was made by the steamer J. J. Sullivan which arrived today 47 hours from Detroit, Mich. The Sullivan left Lorain, Ohio two hours after three o'clock vessels, the Matthew Andrews of the Steinbohn fleet and the Robert K. Jr., and Richard Trimble of the Pittsburgh fleet, but passed them at Detroit. The other boats are not in yet.

LOADED

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.Generally fair tonight and Thurs-
day. Not much change in tempera-
ture. Moderate winds.Temperature at 7 a. m., 56. Highest
yesterday, 71. Lowest last night, 54.Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 7 miles
per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 83; at
7 a. m., 67.Stage of water, 2.6; a fall of .1 in
last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Jupiter.
Morning stars: Saturn, Venus, Mars.
Constellations during October: Cygnus,
Pegasus, Ursa Minor, Ursa Major, Cepheus,
Auriga, Perseus, Cassiopeia,
Taurus, Aries, Cetus, Aquarius, Capricornus,
Aquila, Hercules, Ophiuchus,
Lyra, Corona Borealis, Draco, Bootes,
Serpens, Gemini, Sagittarius. Evening
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RIOTS CONTINUED
IN STRIKE REGIONTen Arrests, Including Woman,
Made by Police, at Michi-
gan Mine.

Calumet, Mich., Oct. 1.—Ten arrests were made in the copper strike district today as a result of rioting.

Annie Clemence, one of the leaders of the women strike sympathizers, and Ben Goggia, strike leader, were among those arrested. Workmen were intimidated and a deputy badly beaten. Strikers who prevented men going to work at the Alouez mine were dispersed by cavalry.

There was considerable shooting in the Keweenaw district last night. A Calumet doctor returning from a call to Ahmek was fired on and a finger shot off his finger.

Lansing, Mich., Oct. 1.—Allen F. Rees of Houghton, Mich., general counsel for the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, will be in Lansing tomorrow to institute proceedings in the supreme court to prevent picketing by strikers in the copper country.

FOUR POSTMASTERS ARE
CHOSEN BY PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—The president sent to the senate today the following nominations:

Postmasters—Mich.—Daniel A. Holand, Hancock; Arthur A. Junner, Menominee; Illinois—F. A. Perkins, Canton; Ohio—C. T. Tilton, Danville.

Chief engineer with the rank of brigadier general, Colonel Dan C. Kindman, corps engineers; chief inspector of locomotive boilers for the interstate commerce commission, Frank McManey, Oregon.

Cotton Manufacturers Meet.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 1.—An address by E. N. Murti of India, was a feature of today's session of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers. Other technical addresses were on the program.

Famous Turfman Ill.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 1.—James B. Haggin, a famous turfman and copper magnate, aged 27, is very ill at his home near here.

PROSECUTION OF
SULZER FINISHESFurther Transactions in Stocks
Is Described to Court by
Brokers.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 1.—At the Sulzer trial today M. E. Fuller of the firm of Harris & Fuller, brokers, granted leave to make a personal statement, said some papers had misrepresented his statements on the stand yesterday. He said he had concealed nothing, that the books of the firm were absolutely correct; that no balances were forced, and no items concealed or omitted to protect Sulzer or anyone else.

Direct connection between an "account of \$500" and Sulzer was established today when J. R. Gray of the brokerage firm of Fuller & Gray, who handled the account, testified that F. L. Colwell told him stock transactions in account were for Sulzer. Colwell was Sulzer's alleged "dummy." Gray said the transactions consisted of 200 shares of Big Four in 100-share lots. It was not until he last bought that Colwell told him the transactions were for Sulzer. One bond bought from the firm was for a woman, but Gray could not remember her name.

The prosecution rested this afternoon.

15-YEAR FRENCH
BOY KILLS SEVENGoes to Bed and Sleeps Soundly,
Bodies Being Discovered
in Morning.

Nantes, France, Oct. 1.—A 15-year-old boy with an axe killed seven people in the village of Basbridge-Emandree, yesterday. The boy, Marcel Redureau, employed as a vinecutter, killed his employer, George Nasbit, with an axe following a quarrel. He then went with the dripping weapon into his employer's house and killed Nasbit's wife, mother and three children and a servant. He spared a child four years old who was sleeping by three others killed. He then went to bed and slept soundly. The bodies were discovered this morning.

5 LIVES ARE LOST
IN KENTUCKY FIRE

New Haven, Ky., Oct. 1.—Five perished in flames which swept the business section early today. The victims were the wife, three children and sister of James Deveres. They were trapped by flames in the Deveres hotel. The loss on several buildings destroyed is \$450,000.

GOVERNOR MAKES
2 APPOINTMENTS

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 1.—The governor today named George White of Benton, attorney of the state fire department, and Frank R. Richey of La Salle, trustee of the Northern Illinois Normal school at DeKalb.

MACOMB HAS
NEW CLUE IN
DANCER CASEMysterious Spencer Had
Paid Visit to the Rex-
rat Farm.

HAD TAKEN PICTURES

Boards Same Train on Which
Woman Was a Passenger
to Home in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 1.—A clue to the murderer of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat was developed today at Macomb, Ill., by State's Attorney Hadley of DuPage county, revealing the mysterious "Spencer" wanted in connection with the murder as a blackmailer.

The woman's second husband, Everett Rexroat, and his father told Hadley that a man answering the description of "Spencer" appeared at the Rexroat farm as Mrs. Rexroat was about to return to Chicago. He tried to make the Rexroats buy colored photographs he had made of the farm buildings. The night Mrs. Rexroat took a train for Chicago the picture salesman boarded the same train. Mrs. Rexroat had expressed admiration for his style and "ginger." Shortly afterward a letter came from a reputed lawyer asking money for Mrs. Rexroat, saying she was in a maternity hospital.

TO OPEN ACADEMY.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, the tango teacher, had entered into an agreement to pay \$200 toward the establishment of a dancing academy in one of the nearby suburban towns, according to Frank L. Oleson, her former employer.

Oleson, in whose dance hall, the Felicita club, at 455 East Third-street, the murdered woman worked as an instructor, made the revelation for the first time at the detective bureau yesterday, where he was called to look at a suspect.

"A week ago Monday," said Oleson, "Mrs. Allison came to me at the hall and said she landed a good proposition. I asked her what it was and she said: 'I am going to put up \$200 to get a little dance hall of my own and hold classes this winter out in the suburban towns.' She didn't mention further particulars at that time, but on Thursday night when she introduced me to the man I think was Spencer at my hall, she mentioned that he was the one who was going in with her on the country dance hall proposition."

"Spencer," who is described as a "tango fiend," who "talks with a drawl, dances with a drag, and looks with a stare," is still the object of a wide-spread man hunt by the Chicago police and the authorities of DuPage county.

Last night the dance halls of Chicago's south side, and particularly those on Third-street, between State and Cottage Grove avenue, were thoroughly searched by dozens of detectives. Men and women sleuths mingled with the dancers, sometimes dancing a number, sometimes hovering over the refreshment tables and listening to the shop talk of the amusement seekers.

The hunt was going on just as strenuously in Macomb, Ill., the home of Mrs. Allison's second husband, who exonerated himself of the murder by producing an alibi at the inquest. Here special representatives of the sheriff of DuPage county looked for a man, supposed to be a medical student, with whom Mrs. Allison-Rexroat is believed to have had numerous clandestine meetings during the two weeks she spent at the home of her husband's father. This man is believed to have gone under the name of Spencer, and it is also said that he either left Macomb with Mrs. Rexroat or followed her shortly afterward to Chicago.

BUSHNELL INQUIRY.

At Bushnell, Ill., 12 miles from Macomb, another investigation was made, but proved to have no connection with the murder. John Zook a grocer, explained that he had written to the woman in answer to letters that he had received from her regarding the renting of a dance hall in Bushnell.

In West Chicago search was started for a man by the name of Edward Spencer, formerly a locomotive engineer, who has not been seen around there for the last two years. He is said to answer the general description given of the man seen on the electric car with Mrs. Rexroat.

"That man would have stood by and seen me hanged for his crime," said Lincoln Spencer of Wheaton last night. "I don't know who the man is who used my name, but I will do everything in my power to bring him to justice."

The Wheaton Spencer gave the authorities a picture of a man who appeared to answer the description of the wanted man. He said that he

GUGGENHEIM CASE
TO THE GRAND JURY

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 1.—The October grand jury will make an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the divorce which Mrs. Grace Guggenheim-Wahl obtained from William Guggenheim, the millionaire smelter man, in 1901.

Mrs. Guggenheim, who less than a year ago tried unsuccessfully to have her divorce set aside, recently had a long conference with State's Attorney Hoyne and obtained his consent to have the next grand jury take up the matter with a view to indictments for fraud. One New York and two Chicago attorneys are the ones Mrs. Guggenheim declares made all the plans for the alleged "fake" divorce.

According to Mrs. Guggenheim, she went from New York to Chicago in 1901. She remained in the Windy City 24 hours, but during that time divorce proceedings were started. In March of the same year she says she came back to Chicago for a short time and secured her divorce. The Illinois law provides that no one can secure a divorce in this state without first having been a citizen of the state one year.

When Mrs. Guggenheim sought to have her divorce annulled early in the present year she was unsuccessful, the court holding that she had let the matter go too long.

was a friend of the family and that he was a shoe salesman on the road. The man was located in Michigan, where he has been selling shoes for a Chicago firm who produced the report he sent in from that place last Friday.

Early in the day the mother of Lincoln Spencer said that she wished she could offer a reward of \$1,000 for the capture and conviction of the man who used the name of her son in the commission of the murder.

The efforts of the local police to supply a tangible clue in the tango mystery failed, although one man was locked up at the Stanton avenue police station last night.

PAINTER HAS ALIBI.

Elbert Bauer, a painter of Elm-hurst, Ill., was arrested early in the day by detectives after Captain Halpin had received information that a man answering the description of the slayer was getting a shave and a massage in a loop barber shop. Bauer was questioned by Halpin, but quickly established an alibi.

Lewis Sauer, who gave his address as 948 South La Salle street, a chauffeur, was arrested by detectives. He answered the description of "Mr. Spencer" vaguely and was locked up, but was later released.

The description of Spencer furnished by Professor Oleson is the most complete which has thus far been furnished. It was declared last night to be an accurate one by Conductor W. J. Blazier of the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago railroad. Blazier talked with Mrs. Rexroat and her companion at the Fifth avenue terminal of the railroad.

The description is as follows:

Five feet five inches tall, hair pasted down on head and parted in the middle, high cheek bones, flat face, thin nose, pointed chin, red complexion, eyes gray or very light blue, a peculiar stare that sticks in the memory of all who have seen it, thick lenses in his gold rimmed spectacles, arms unusually long, body extraordinarily long from shoulders to hips. He wears No. 7 shoes.

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE
REELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Freeport, Ill., Oct. 1.—The Rock River conference of the M. E. church today reelected Recording Secretary C. D. Wilson of Galena, Statistical Secretary T. K. Gale of Wilmette and Treasurer C. K. Carpenter of Elgin.

BASEBALL CLUBS
ARE IN DEADLOCK

Rockford, Ill., Oct. 1.—It is reported several clubs of the Wisconsin-Illinois baseball league, meeting here, favor bringing Freeport, Aurora and Elgin into the circuit. Deadlock on the election of a president continued today, four clubs supporting the reelection of F. R. Weeks, with four in favor of former President C. F. Moll.

SOLDIERS ON
LINE PRIMED
FOR ASSAULTWashington, However,
Does Not Fear Piedras
Negras Outbreak.

CLOSE WATCH IS KEPT

Three Thousand Refugees in
Line Waiting to Cross to
the American Side.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—Officials here do not fear any outbreak of danger to Americans at Piedras Negras. The situation, however, is being watched very closely.

Piedras Negras, Mexico, Oct. 1.—Confronted by the implied ultimatum that the United States soldiers will be used to prevent the destruction of the international bridge here as well as American property on the Mexican side, every responsible chief of the constitutionalist movement disappeared here today, leaving the town at the mercy of federalists should they attack from the American side of the river. Several looters were shot in the streets here today by constitutionalist troops, who are suppressing the spirit of anarchy sternly.

All stores are closed. It is estimated 3,000 refugees are in line waiting their turn to go over to the American side. The constitutionalists say they evacuated Piedras Negras to make a final stand at Poyotes. Five hundred American soldiers arrived today at Eagle Pass to help Americans in case of trouble.

STATES TO SECEDE.

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 1.—At a conference held in Hermosillo, five northern states of Mexico decided to secede from the federal government to form the confederate states of Mexico, according to Americans arriving today from Hermosillo.

The states whose representatives agreed to the secession plan are Sonora, Durango, Coahuila, Sinaloa and Chihuahua. Only the rebel state government in Chihuahua joined in the movement.

Venustiano Carranza is to be president of the new confederacy, say the Americans, and in the cabinet will be Gen. Angeles, a former federal commander, as minister of war; Augustin Labanast, minister of hacienda; Juan Sanchez Azcona, minister of foreign relations. Eduardo Hay, it is said, will also be given a place in the cabinet.

Lower California is not included in the new government, as the rebels say the revolution there has not succeeded.

TERROR GRIPS CITY.

Piedras Negras, Mex., Oct. 1.—Terror has gripped this city, the provincial capital of the Mexican constitutionalists, with the victorious northward march of the federals and the arrival of hundreds of refugees from the surrounding devastated country.

Obedying the instructions of United States Consul Blocker, American residents of Piedras Negras joined the exodus and hundreds of persons crossed the international bridge into Eagle Pass this afternoon, many carrying such of their possessions as they could on their backs.

Seventy-three Americans crossed the bridge.

Many Mexican refugees and a large number of Japanese were refused admission to the United States. It is said that the Mexicans were likely to become public charges and that the Japanese had no made proper application. An appeal to Washington for exception in the latter case will allege that the Japanese are in danger of death from the federals for having aided the constitutionalists.

It is reported that many prisoners confined in the jail on rebellion charges have been shot, among them Felipe Sanchez, wanted in Carlos Springs, Tex., as a member of the smuggling band charged with the murder of a deputy sheriff.

At a conference between Consul Blocker and the constitutionalist authorities the American representative is believed to have failed to secure a promise that destruction of property would cease. Consul Blocker then conferred with army officers stationed here and the order to Americans to leave Mexico resulted.

FOREIGNERS WARNED.

Consul Blocker's warning to foreigners to quit Piedras Negras immediately was in anticipation of rioting should the constitutionalists be forced to abandon their provisional capital. As the rebel army is being driven northward by the government troops under General Maas, the retreating insurgents are setting fire to villages.

Reports from the front last night indicate that the federals are closing in on the town of Sabana, from which the constitutionalists are expected to fall back either on Matamoros, across the line from Brownsville, Tex., or on Piedras Negras.